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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Peabody,
qualified to vote in town affairs, held March 9th, 1874, it was

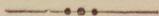
VOTED, That the Report of the Trustees of the Peabody In-
stitute, together with the accompanying documents, be accepted,
and that the same be printed for distribution.

A true copy of record,

Attest :

N. H. POOR, TOWN CLERK.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.



The Trustees of the PEABODY INSTITUTE herewith submit their twenty-second Annual Report.

They take pleasure in calling special attention to the elaborate report of their Treasurer; also, to the subjoined report of the Lyceum and Library Committee, and the reports of the Sub-Committees accompanying the same. These are more than usually full and interesting, particularly the report of the Librarian, who has evidently entered upon his office with a just appreciation of its duties and responsibilities, and gives promise of an efficient and successful administration.

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The operations of the Institute for the year just closed have been substantially the same as in the preceding years, with no apparent abatement of interest on the part of those entitled to the enjoyment of its privileges, and the increased experience of its benefits, grounding it still more firmly in the good will and affections of our people. It has now become part and parcel of our life as a community. It has grown with our growth, and strengthened with our strength. It has entered into our intellectual and moral progress, given tone and color to our social and civil condition, and has become, as its founder designed, a living, operative, potent instrumentality for the spread of knowledge and morality. That its benefits may multiply, and its blessings deepen and expand, it is only necessary that we should not become indifferent to them, or receive them as though like light and air they came as matters of course, but that we should remember that vigilance and watchful care are indispensable, that no institution can thrive which has not wise and generous guardianship, that the changing needs of changing circumstances must be intelligently observed and promptly heeded, and, above all, that a spirit of just appreciation of, and a disposition fully to enjoy and profit by, our unequalled and inestimable privileges, should be sedulously cultivated and

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heartily encouraged. So fostered and enheartened, and so availed of and improved, the Peabody Institute of Peabody will live, thrive and flourish in perennial youth, beauty and strength.

But while noble institutions, like the vital principles which founded them, endure through ages, men decay. The work is unending, but the workers change. One after another of those who took part with the founder in initiating and giving early nurture to our great enterprise, have passed away—and the year now closed will be ever marked in our annals as that in which departed from his labors one who had been from the first the firmest friend and most faithful servant of the Institute—FITCH POOLE, our Librarian. The Chairman of the Lyceum and Library Committee, in his report, has paid a just and graceful tribute to the memory of our associate and friend. The public press, not only of the town and county, but of the metropolis of New England, has commemorated his virtues and his genius, and the Trustees deem it their duty, as it is their grateful privilege, to embody in their report, and thus place in enduring form upon their records, an official recognition of his services and worth. A scholar and a wit, a learned antiquarian and a graceful poet, in social life a genial, humane and generous man, in public life an active, discreet,

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upright and enterprising citizen, throughout a long career ever identified with sound learning, high culture, pure morals and sweet charity, as widely known as he was universally esteemed and respected, he has left to the world a bright example and to his friends and townsmen a memory which will be long and fondly cherished.

For the Trustees,

ALFRED A. ABBOTT, President.

[NOTE.—The report of the Trustees, as presented to the town, contained a full and somewhat elaborate memoir of Mr. Poole. After presentation it was taken, by the member of the board deputed to prepare it, for revision for the press, was lost in transmission, and as yet has not been found. The writer, in the time which has elapsed since the hope of its recovery was abandoned, has been unable to find leisure from other duties to reproduce it.]

The Treasurer respectfully presents to the Trustees of the Peabody Institute the following five accounts, pertinent to the financial year ending February 25th, 1874:

- No. 1. The General Current Account.
2. The "Reserved Fund" ditto.
3. The Sutton Library Fund ditto.
4. The High School Medal Fund ditto.
5. The Invested Fund Statement.

Also, a schedule of Insurance Policies, with their several amounts and detail of objects insured.

Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with Geo. Osborne, Treas.
1873. Dr.

March 6,	To paid J. O. Whitten, iron and furnace		
	work bills of 1870 and 1871 . . .	\$8 87	
	Repairs, 1872, on furnace . . .	350 00	
	Labor and iron work on hall and		
	houses	28 92	
		<hr/>	\$387 79
April 1,	" Gas bill, 3 months	80 64	
2,	" J. H. Teague, janitor, 3 months	175 00	
14,	" Thomas Pinnoek, slating,	31 46	
17,	" Lyceum and Library Committee's draft . .	1500 00	
30,	" I. B. Elliott, watering premises in 1872 . . .	25 00	
May 1,	" Cyrus Wakefield, for mat.	8 40	
1,	" Bumstead & Co., house paper, west side brick		
	house'	70 46	
June 17,	" Aqueduct, 6 months	13 50	
23,	" Clark & Giddings, carpenters, per D. R. Gal-		
	loupe	5 10	
July 1,	" Gas bill	22 68	
3,	" J. H. Teague, janitor, 3 months	175 00	
7,	" Potter, Batchelder & Co., coal and 20 baskets		
	charcoal	210 11	
10,	" H. P. Ives, housepaper for brick house . . .	8 70	
12,	" Trask, mason, labor and material brick house	66 34	
14,	" H. P. Ricker, for tree protectors,	25 00	
21,	" I. B. Elliott, watering for 1873 year	25 00	
30,	" Bumstead & Co., house paper on east side of		
	brick house	36 30	
Aug'st 7,	" S. Brown, for stone and labor on		
	brick house	\$120 00	
7,	" S. Brown, for stone posts, do.	15 00	
		<hr/>	135 00
Sept'r 5,	" Folsom, carpenter, on brick h. tenements . .	415 36	

Oct'r	1,	"	Gas bill, 3 months to October	18 72
	2,	"	J. H. Teague, janitor, 3 months	\$175 00
			Do., petty accts. and sundries	18 48
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				193 48
Oct'r	25,	"	D. B. Lord, fancy gas brackets, shades, &c., for brick house	\$33 13
			Do., labor on Institute Hall	2 46
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				35 59
Nov'r	29,	"	Alf. W. Berry, mason, 2 cesspools, stone, &c., brick house	\$123 62
			Do., pointing bank walls, labor and cement	12 00
				<hr/>
				135 62
Dec.	2,	"	Lyceum and Library Committee's draft	1500 00
			1874,	
Jan'y	5,	"	Gas bill, 3 months to January 1st	81 36
	5,	"	J. H. Teague, janitor,	175 00
	10,	"	J. O. Whitten, on furnaces, tin roofing, &c.,	79 05
	13,	"	Aqueduct, 6 months to Jan. 1st, to Town of Peabody	15 75
	13,	"	W. Blaney, painter, in brick house principally	269 23
	26,	"	Lyceum and Library Committee	500 00
Feb'y	20,	"	1 \$1000 00 City Lawrence Bond, No. 100, dated Oct. 1, 1873,—6 per cent. currency, Water Loan	\$940 00
			Interest to 18th, 4 17-30 ms.	22 83
				<hr/>
				962 83
	20,	"	Cash loaned Reserved Fund account	249 06
	25,	"	Thomas Pinnoek, slater, on brick house	\$4 70
			Do., on Hall	8 13
				<hr/>
				12 83
	25,	"	Petty expenses, Revenue stamps, postage, trav- el, &c.	7 00
	25,	"	Transferred City of Lawrence \$1000 00 bond, No. 100, to Invested Fund account at cost	940 00
			Balance to new account	1220 77
				<hr/>
				\$9,813 13
			1873.	
			By Balance	Cr.
				\$680 92
April			By Rents to April 1st, Galloupe, (and quits)	\$86 75
			Grosvenor	62 50
			Robson	62 50
			Teague	25 00
			Use of Hall, per Teague	36 50
				<hr/>
				255 25

April	16,	"	Dividends 3 shares Warren National Bank	18 00	
	17,	"	Town, 6 months interest on note of \$70,000 00 . .	2450 00	
May	14,	"	Goldthwaite, balance of Dr. and Cr., carpeting . .	1 23	
July		"	Rents R. S. D. Symonds, from 23d		
			May to July 1st, with some allow-		
			nance for cleaning	\$30 00	
			Teague	25 00	
			Grosvenor	62 50	
			Robson	62 50	
				<hr/>	180 00
	9,	"	Int. on 8 Mass. Bonds, \$1000 each, gold	\$200 00	
			Premium, 15¢	31 25	
				<hr/>	231 25
	9,	"	Interest on 4 Certificates, \$5000 00 each,		
			Mass. 5 per cent. Bonds, registered		
			from No. 83 to 86 inclusive, of		
			\$1000 00 each	\$500 00	
			Premium, 15¢	78 12	
				<hr/>	578 12
	9,	"	Loan to Reserved Fund returned	618 11	
	9,	"	Int. 6 mos. on No. 652 Boston \$1000 00 cur. bonds	30 00	
Oct'r	2,	"	Rents 3 mos. to Oct. 1st, Grosvenor . .	\$75 00	
			Robson	62 50	
			Teague	25 00	
			Do. use of Hall	12 50	
				<hr/>	175 00
	24,	"	Rent, 3 months, Symonds	75 00	
	4,	"	Neptune Ins. Co., return per centage failed Policy		
			by Boston fire of November, 1872	14 28	
	18,	"	Dividend 3 shares Warren National Bank	12 00	
Nov.	11,	"	Int. Town of Peabody, note of \$70,000 00, 6 mos.		
			to October 6th	2450 00	
1874.					
Jan'y	3,	"	Int. on 8 Mass. 5 per cent. Bonds, No.		
			481 to 488 inclusive	\$200 00	
			Premium 10¢	21 50	
				<hr/>	221 50
	3,	"	Int. 6 mos. on 4 Certificates \$5000 00		
			each, Massachusetts Bonds	\$500 00	
			Premium 10¢	53 75	
				<hr/>	553 75
	12,	"	Int. 6 mos. on No. 652 Boston \$1000 00 bond . .	30 00	
	24,	"	Manufacturers Ins. Co., return on failed Policy on		
			account of Boston fire	1 22	
	27,	"	Rents of the sundry tenants, dwellings	\$237 50	
			Hall, use of	60 00	
				<hr/>	297 50

Feb'y 20, " Certificate of 1 \$1000 00 Bond, City of Lawrence, as purchased per Dr. of this date, 940 00
 cost \$940 00
 \$9,813 13

E. E. PEABODY, February 25th, 1874.

GEO. OSBORNE, *Treasurer.*

We have compared the items of this account, with the vouchers, and find the same correct.

G. A. OSBORNE, } Financial Committee.
 EDWARD W. JACOBS, }

RESERVED FUND ACCOUNT.

[ESTABLISHED MARCH, 1870.]

"Reserved Fund" of Trustees of Peabody Inst. in acct. with G. Osborne, Treas.

	Gold,	Dr. Currency.
1873.		\$618 11
July 9, To paid return of loan to current account		
1874		
Feb'y 20, To paid for City of Lawrence \$1000 Bond,		
No. 101	\$940 00	
Interest from 1st Oct., accrued 22 83		
	962 83	
Balance on hand, viz:		
1st. 20 Gold Bonds \$1000 each. Fund -	\$20,000 00—	
2d. Hammond Estate	\$3550 00	
3d. 1 Bond \$1000	\$940 00	
Accrued interest	22 83	
	962 83	
		4512 83

Mem. explanatory:

\$4263 77 Income Real accretion to the Fund.
 249 06 Income a debt to the Current account.

\$4512 83

1873.

	Gold.	Cr. Currency.
Feb'y 24, By balance from last account	\$20 000 00—	\$6093 77
24, " Loan from current account		\$2931 89
		618 11

April 7,	" Rent of C. A. Lord, 3 mos. to Ap. 1st	50 00
July 10,	" Rent of do., 3 " to July 1.	50 00
9,	" Interest 6 mos. on 4 Certificates of \$5000 each of 20 Mass. 5 per cent. gold bonds of \$1000 each, No. 79 to 82 inclusive \$500 00 Premium at 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ 78 13	
		578 13
Oct'r 7,	" Rent of C. A. Lord, 3 ms. to Oct 1st 1874.	50 00
Jan'y 3,	" Interest, 6 months to January 1st, on Massachusetts Gold Bonds, as recit- ed above \$500 00 Premium 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ 53 75	
		553 75
20,	" Rent of C. A. Lord, 3 mos. to Jan. 1st	50 00
Feb'y 20,	" Cash borrowed of common account .	249 06
20,	" Certificate of Lawrence City of \$1000 Bond, No. 101, as per debit of this date	962 83
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		\$20,000 00— \$6093 77

E. E. PEARODY, February 25th, 1874.

GEORGE OSBORNE, *Treasurer.*

THE "EBEN DALE SUTTON LIBRARY FUND" OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE.

Endowed by Mrs. Eliza Sutton of Peabody, accepted by and under the personal presence and auspices of George Peabody, Esq., of London, England, on the 15th of October, A. D., 1866. The Fund, Twenty Thousand Dollars, in Boston City 5 per cent. Gold Bonds.

1873.	<i>In account with Geo. Osborne, Treasurer.</i>	Dr.
April 16,	To paid G. A. Osborne, Treasurer of Lyceum and Library Committee, gold interest on \$20,000, 5 per cent. bonds, for 6 months to April 1st, \$500, with premium at 17 per cent., \$85.00	\$585 00
Oct'r 8,	To paid G. A. Osborne, Treasurer of Lyceum and Library Committee, gold interest on \$20,000, 5 per cent. bonds, for 6 months to October 1st, \$500, with premium at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	549 37
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		\$1134 37

		Cr.
1873.		
April 16,	By interest, 6 mos., on \$20,000, 5 per cent. gold bonds, to April 1st, 1873, \$500. Premium 17 per cent., \$85.00	\$585 00
Oct'r 9,	By interest, 6 mos., on \$20,000, as above, to Oct. 1, 1873, \$500. Premium, 9½, \$49.37	549 37
		<hr/> \$1134 37

E. E. PEABODY, February 25th, 1874.

GEO. OSBORNE, *Treasurer of Trustees.*

THE PEABODY HIGH SCHOOL MEDAL FUND OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE.

Endowment of George Peabody, Esq., of London. Donation, Two U. S. 10-40 Bonds of \$2000 gold.

1873.	<i>In account with Geo. Osborne, Treasurer.</i>	Dr.
Feb'y 24,	To clip of 4 coupons, gold, being one year's interest to March 1st, 1874, paid to Amos Merrill, Esq., Chairman of the School Committee, \$25 each . . .	\$100 00
		<hr/> \$100 00

1874.		Cr.
Feb'y 24,	By clip of 4 gold coupons from the two U. S. 10-40 5 per cent. Bonds, 1 year's interest to March 1, 1874	\$100 00
		<hr/> \$100 00

E. E. PEABODY, February 25th, 1874.

GEO. OSBORNE, *Treasurer of Trustees.*

Invested Common and Special Funds of the Peabody Institute.

No. 1—	Three shares Warren National Bank, at par	\$300 00
2—	Four Certificates of \$5000 each, as a Registry of 20 Massachusetts 5 per cent. Coast Defence gold bearing Bonds, of \$1000 each, No. 461 to 480 inclusive	20,000 00
3—	Eight Massachusetts 5 per cent. Coast Defence gold bearing Bonds, No. 481 to 488 inclusive, of \$1000 each	8,000 00
4—	One Note Receivable, Town of Peabody, dated Oct'r 6, 1869, interest semi-annually	70,000 00
5—	Real Estate, comprising two dwelling houses with their lands, one of brick on the easterly side, one of wood on the westerly side of the land belonging to and on which the Institute is located	12,000 00

No. 6—The Peabody Institute Hall and land, with its Libraries, Busts, Portraits and Cabinet of valuables, such as Queen Victoria's Miniature enameled on gold in large burglar proof steel safe, the Gold Tokens from the United States Congress, City of London, Guilds of London, Piano-forte, Engravings, and other objects not appraised.

7—One Boston City \$1000 Bond, No. 652. Cost 1,010 00

8—One Lawrence City \$1000 Bond, No. 100. Cost 940 00

\$112,250 00

9—The "Reserved Fund," inaugurated for continuous increase, which consists, viz:

4 Certificates, No. 79 to 82 inclusive,
\$5000 each, of Registered Massachusetts 5 per cent. Gold Bonds \$20,000 00

Real Estate, Hammond place, Wallis St. 3,550 00

1 Bond \$1000, City of Lawrence, No. 101 940 00

Accrued int. time of purchase 22 83

962 83

\$24,512 83

Less debt of a loan 249 06

24,263 77

10—The High School Medal Fund, 2 U. S. 5 per cent. 10-40

Bonds, gold bearing 2,000 00

11—The "Eben Dale Sutton" Library Fund, in City of

Boston 5 per cent. gold bearing Bonds 20,000 00

Amount exclusive of No. 6 \$158,513 77

E. E. PEABODY, February 25th, 1874.

GEO. OSBORNE, *Treasurer.*

Report of the Lyceum and Library Committee.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE:

IN laying before you my annual report in behalf of the Lyceum and Library Committee for the year ending in February, 1874, I beg leave to call your special attention to the accompanying documents, the reports of the Treasurer and Librarian, and of the Sub-Committees, the latter of which are all of interest and some of them have been prepared with more than usual care and completeness. Coming, as these reports do, from the actual working boards of the government of the Institute, from gentlemen who are themselves taking part in the daily operations of our system and intelligently noting its results, they may be said to emanate from first hands, from original investigators, and therefore cannot fail to be of great value in directing us how to shape our course for the future, how best to avoid errors, and to improve upon success.

The history of the year is marked by an event of much melancholy interest, the death of Mr. FITCH POOLE, the Librarian, after a protracted period of feebleness and gradual decline. It is with no common feelings that we take this opportunity to pay a passing tribute to the memory of our lamented friend and associate, whose official connection with the Peabody Institute, either as a member of our Board or as our Librarian, covers the whole period of its existence. Those natives of the old town of Danvers who have reached nearly the middle period of life, can scarcely remember the time when Mr. Poole was not clearly identified with all that the town then afforded of literary culture, when he was not recognized as a leader in all efforts to promote the cause of education and to stimulate the intellectual activity of our people.

His pen was often employed at that early date to enliven and add spice to the dull routine of daily life. Now he recounted the sad story of the fate of Giles Cory and pointed the moral that it afforded in graceful verse; or with playful fancy he achieved a notable triumph over the lovers of the marvelous in his tale of the wonderful doings of the Devil's Dishful; and now the assembled yeomanry of the county were convulsed with merriment over the sparkling wit and humor of his famous report on the culture of hogs, read at the Annual Agricultural Fair.

Mr. Poole took an active part in the Literary Societies of the town, among which were the Old Danvers Lyceum and its successor, the Mechanic Institute. In these and similar ways he acquired an honorable and peculiar position among the citizens of the place, which he easily held without a rival. It was therefore natural that, when the time came to select those who should form the first board to conduct the active operations of the Peabody Institute, he should be included in the number, and that, when the first steps were taken to form a Library, his claims to that honorable post should be acknowledged by all.

Mr. Poole was elected the first time, January 3d, 1854, but being then engaged in business, found it necessary to resign the position, which he did September 27th of the same year. Upon the resignation of his successor, Mr. Hinkley, he was again elected, May 17th, 1856, and continued to hold the office by annual re-elections until the day of his death in August last. To say that he secured our respect by his manly character, and won our love by the warm and genial kindness of his disposition, would be doing no more than justice to our feelings. For an institution like ours in its infancy and early growth, when doubts were to be overcome and sullen opposition disarmed, his peculiar traits of character were invaluable, his very failings were amiable, and were made to bear fruits for good. And thus, as years rolled on, he became inseparably identified with the Institute of his love and

labors, and as the infirmities of age told at last only too plainly on his once active form, we, by common consent, left it to nature to sever a relation which had become a second nature of the man.

The Committee deem themselves fortunate in securing the services of so able and accomplished a gentleman as Mr. THEODORE M. OSBORNE, a native of Peabody, to fill the post of Librarian as the successor of Mr. Poole.

The Lyceum and Library Committee yield reluctantly to the reasons, which seem to forbid the establishment of a reading room, until the Institute shall be in a position to enlarge its buildings and so find a place for that much desired improvement.

Among the reports of the Sub-Committees I would call your special attention to the excellent paper prepared by the chairman of the Committee on the Peabody Library, and to the suggestions and reasonings which it contains, as bearing more especially upon those matters in which the co-operation of your Board will be necessary for their full success.

The administration of the department of the Sutton Library has been continued on the same wise principle as heretofore, and the interest in that Library is steadily on the increase.

It is the wish of the department of the government of the Institute which I have the honor to represent, to urge upon the Trustees of the Peabody Fund that the efficient performance of our duties to the public requires the use of all the funds you can place at our disposal for the service of the Institute, whose wants are on the increase from year to year, and to ask your careful consideration of this subject in your annual appropriation.

Acknowledging the efficient performance of their duties by all the officers of the Institute, this report is respectfully submitted by

THOS M. STIMPSON,
Chairman of the Lyceum and Library Committee.

Report of the Sub-Committee on the Library.

The Sub-Committee on the Peabody Library submit the following report for the year ending February 1, 1874 :

During the past year, death has removed from our midst, and from the place of usefulness which he had so long filled, our lamented friend and former Librarian, Mr. FITCH POOLE. Connected with the Institute, as he has been, from its very foundation, and serving as Librarian for 17 consecutive years, he had perhaps become more closely identified with the Library than any other person. Genial and affable in his temperament, he made the Library an attractive place to all who visited it, and in every way in his power assisted those who sought to avail themselves of its privileges. Visitors from abroad carried away with them most agreeable remembrances of the kindness of their reception here and of the civility and pleasure with which the treasures of the Institute were shown to them. We may consider ourselves fortunate, that during its early years, our Library found one among our own citizens who was so well fitted to administer its affairs. Mr. THEODORE M. OSBORNE, of this town, was chosen to succeed Mr. Poole, and entered upon the duties of the position on the 1st of October, 1873.

With the September instalment of new books, the plan of publishing the accessions to the Library in the *Peabody Press* was resumed. Through the liberality of the proprietor, Mr. C. D. Howard, this is done without expense to the Library. It is believed that no better method can be devised for making known to our citizens the new books as they are obtained from time to time. Printed slips have been taken from these column-catalogues and have been found very useful at the Library room.

The question of the admission of applicants for books to consult them upon the shelves, has largely engaged the attention of the Committee during the past year. The difficulties which the subject presents, and its importance in the practical working of the Library, are a sufficient apology for its somewhat lengthy discussion here.

The practice of allowing borrowers to consult the books upon the shelves had grown up with the Library, until some had perhaps come to consider as a right what was only a privilege, sanctioned perhaps by long usage.

In the earlier days of the Library, when the number of books and borrowers were comparatively small, this general admission resulted in no practical injury to its interests.

Within two or three years the evils arising from the practice had so increased, that Mr. Poole very wisely adopted the rule of allowing access to the shelves only during certain hours of the day. This partially remedied the difficulty, but with the constant increase in the number of borrowers, those who availed themselves of this privilege rapidly multiplied until the Library again began to suffer from it. Many books were misplaced upon the shelves, and the duties of the Librarian and his assistants were interfered with by the number of persons about the shelves and desk. To still further limit the use of the Library in this way, the Committee adopted a rule that admission should be granted only between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock on the afternoons of Monday and Thursday. The effect of this rule has been to add considerably to the number who visit the Library during these hours. The trouble from the misplacement of books has rather increased, as it naturally would, from the greater number of persons handling them.

This rule, and indeed any rule that can be adopted, is also objectionable for another reason, and has been the cause of some complaint. By limiting the time for admission to 5 o'clock many persons who are detained by their avocations are practically deprived of advantages which others, more favored, enjoy. It is true the hours might be extended to 6

o'clock. If this is done to accommodate some, others may claim with equal justice that it shall be extended to 7 or 8 o'clock. Again, unpleasant feelings and embarrassment have arisen from the apparent discrimination in favor of some under this rule and must, it seems, always be engendered under any regulation that can be applied to it. There seems to be no safe ground between the admission of all to this privilege, and the exclusion of all. The Rules and Regulations of the Library contemplate only that method of obtaining books which they prescribe, by means of the cards. We are aware that the adoption of a rule depriving all of this advantage will bear hardest upon the better class of readers who frequent the Library. The card system is a slow and tedious method of obtaining books, and to one who has been accustomed to select them from the shelves, it will seem especially cumbersome. To the great majority of borrowers, who read the lighter works of fiction and juveniles, half an hour or more spent in obtaining a book is of little consequence, indeed they enjoy visiting the Library for this purpose. To these, perhaps the card plan offers every advantage that could be obtained by any system that could be devised.

Most of the better class of readers have a definite object in view when they come to the Library. They wish for the latest book, or some particular work, or desire to look up some subject, and obtain the best book the Library contains upon it. It is tiresome and discouraging, particularly to ladies, to stand around among the throng which frequents the Library room on Wednesday and Saturday and wait for the delivery of a book. The confusion around the table where the catalogues are kept and consulted, precludes the possibility of giving that attention which the subject sometimes demands. We offer some suggestions as to the best methods of overcoming these objections, which are inherent to the card system. If some place or room could be provided where borrowers might quietly sit down and examine

the catalogues at their leisure, it would add greatly to their convenience and comfort.

Our citizens can help themselves in this matter by using more freely at their homes the excellent catalogue which is sold at a merely nominal price. It seems feasible to arrange, that the delivery of the books upon the shelves, including all English Fiction and Juveniles, may be made at one desk, while the other departments of the Library may be delivered at another. As probably 80 per cent. of the total delivery of books is made in these departments, this arrangement would relieve the other departments of the Library and allow those consulting them more leisure and liberty in their selections. The Indicator might be again brought into practical use for the department of fiction alone.

The card catalogue may be arranged in drawers, accessible to the public under certain restrictions, upon a different system of classification from the printed catalogue, and thus afford greater facilities.

These are not urged as definite plans of action, but are hints of what may be done for the better accommodation of those who consult the Library. Time and trial alone will prove which are best adapted to secure these desirable ends. It is the desire of the Committee to furnish every possible convenience to the public for obtaining books consistent with their proper use and care. We would make the Library not only a room filled with books, but an attractive resort to every one who is entitled to share in its benefits.

The appropriation for the purchase of books has remained the same for several years past. The number of publications which it is desirable to obtain increases every year. We have added largely to our list of periodical; and our bills for binding and re-binding, and for the replacement of worn out volumes, are constantly augmenting. With the present sum we find it almost impossible to keep the Library up with the current literature of the day. Nothing is left for the purchase of the larger and more expensive works which every library

needs to put upon its shelves from time to time. An increased appropriation for these purposes would enable the Committee to add not only to the present usefulness of the Library but to its permanent value.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

J. H. OSGOOD, Chairman.

Report of the Lyceum Committee.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:—

Your Standing Committee on the Lyceum for 1873-4 offer the following report:

That the season's lectures have been successful may be inferred from the audiences attending,—in several instances the assemblies being conspicuously large,—and from the favorable tone of public comment.

Contrary to ordinary experience there has not been a single lecture which has not fully met the expectation of the Committee.

The experience of many years seems to warrant committees in regularly substituting for isolated lectures on science and kindred themes, a course systematic in arrangement, and more than popular, even instructive in avowed aim and character.

Considering the many tastes to be pleased, and seeking a suitable variety, this plan need not wholly exclude single lectures upon general topics from illustrious speakers, whom to hear is always an inspiration.

Nor does it appear necessary, in carrying out this design, to taboo all subjects save science, so-called; for morals, po-

litical economy, philosophy, history, literature, etc., may furnish practical instruction, as well as wholesome culture. One point all admit,—the value of successive blows in the same spot to create heat in audiences as in iron.

Of course the effort should always be to cater to and increase the class who care more for matter than for form, more for the meat than for the shell, although the latter is not without its value as a convenient packing case and as making the former more easily portable.

In view of these and other considerations, the recommendations of former committees may be codified, as it were, in the three suggestions we offer :

FIRST. It is of the highest importance that first class lecturers be secured, while it is of less importance what is the theme ; for it is as true on the one hand that greatness always instructs, as it is on the other that littleness always undertakes to make "sounding brass" do duty for worthier metal.

SECOND. While, as now, to attract and interest the greatest number, a large part of each course should consist of single lectures on general topics from a variety of individuals,—yearly some special topic should receive attention in a course of several consecutive lectures. We are not prepared to recommend that they be given on consecutive evenings of the same week or till finished, but we are not sure this is not the better way.

THIRD. While it is not probable that the Committee would agree that science, in its limited sense, as perhaps included under the term Natural Science, should always be the topic, they would all agree that whatever the topic,—history, literature, or any other theme,—it be selected and treated with a view to instruct, and thus please,—with a view to come under the more general definition of science, "the pursuit of pure knowledge."

Our institution is fortunately unhampered by burdensome conditions. The wise prohibition regarding "party politics" and "sectarian theology" does not interfere in selecting lec-

urers, for they take other themes, wisely remembering that their own advantage is in speaking to the masses on a broad platform, rather than, in descending to the party stump or the defence of sect, to speak to classes upon a narrow one. Thus in the Lyceum as in the Library the greatest freedom seems permitted, and, thus untrammelled, learning the needs of the people from the new experiences of each year, it will be easy to meet the changing demands of the times by a change of policy in committee.

The suggestions just offered seem to us to furnish a policy, the result of past experience and suited to future hope.

If ever in times past the value of a free lyceum, free not only in regard to its audiences but free as to its platform as well, has been overestimated, let us not now fall into an opposite error by underestimating it. It is an educator, and powerful in proportion to the brains it can command.

We append a list of the year's lecturers, with subjects and dates :

Nov. 24, 1873, R. A. PROCTOR, of England—"The Sun," (Illustrated.)

Dec. 2, 1873, EDWARD JENKINS, of Scotland—"The England of To-day."

Dec. 9, 1873, Judge J. P. PUTNAM, of Mass.—"The Passion Play of Oberammergau."

Dec. 16, 1873, FREDERICK DOUGLASS, of Washington—"John Brown."

Dec. 23, 1873, Prof. MOSES T. BROWN, of Boston—"Select Readings."

Dec. 30, 1873, WENDELL PHILLIPS, of Boston—"Labor, Temperance, and Woman."

Jan. 13, 1874, Rev. Dr. E. C. BOLLES, of Salem—"Wonders of the Microscope," (Illustrated.)

Jan. 19, 1874, Prof. A. J. EBELL, of New York—"Animal Structure and Motion," (Illustrated.)

Jan. 20, 1874, Prof. A. J. EBELL—"Food and Digestion," (Illustrated.)

Jan. 21, 1874, Prof. A. J. EBELL—"Respiration and the Voice." (Illustrated.)

Jan. 22, 1874, Prof. A. J. EBELL—"Circulation and Nervous System," (Illustrated.)

Jan. 27, 1874, Prof. W. H. NILES, of Cambridge—"Rambles in the High Alps," (Illustrated.)

Feb. 16, 1874, Rev. W. H. CUDWORTH, of East Boston—"Up Hill and Down."

For the Committee,

BYRON GROCE, Chairman.

PEABODY, February, 1874.

Librarian's Report.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

I herewith submit the annual report on the condition of the Peabody Library for the year ending February 1st, 1874.

As the Library has been under my charge but a little more than four months, I have not attempted, in the preparation of the report on the whole year, to do more than present such statistics as could be gathered from the books of the Librarian, and in the mention of details and offering of suggestions have confined myself to what has come under my own observation.

The number of books added to the Peabody Library during the year, as appears from the Accession Catalogue, is 502—the same number, it will be observed, that was reported last year. Of these 19 were donations, as follows: from the Smithsonian Institution, 9 volumes; Hon. Henry Poor, 2

volumes; Rev. C. V. Hanson, 2 volumes; Department of Interior, Library of Congress at Washington, Patent Office, Lawrence Public Library, Young Men's Institute of Hartford, and Seventh Day Adventist Tract Society, 1 volume each. A number of valuable pamphlets have also been presented to the Library. The number of additions reported does not include the bound periodicals, of which 55 volumes were placed on the shelves during the year.

37 copies of the catalogue have been sold, and 43 have been presented to officers, to various patrons, and to other institutions.

The only full record of the books added since the publication of the printed catalogue is that furnished by the cards, for the preservation and more convenient use of which a better arrangement is needed, and will shortly be made. The manuscript catalogues on the table for the use of borrowers were found to be incomplete, and owing to the number of different entries the alphabetical arrangement had not been preserved. It was therefore found necessary to prepare from the cards a catalogue of the additions, of which several copies have been made. These catalogues contain the names of about 1000 volumes, arranged alphabetically, each work being entered only once, generally under its title.

The circulation of books appears to be fully equal to that of former years, the average delivery for the last two months having been about 750 volumes a week. The number of names of borrowers standing on the Ledger is 1739, of which, however, 278 have not been charged with any books. These names are allowed to stand because the owners are likely to call for their cards at any time, and the number of blank accounts is constantly decreasing. The number of new applicants for cards during the year is 405. The amount of fines collected in the last four months is \$17.40.

With regard to the wants of the Library, I feel warranted in making only a few suggestions.

If the classification by subjects is to be kept up, more shelf room should be provided in some of the departments, particularly in those of Political and Social Science, of Moral and Mental Philosophy, and of Biography. Want of room is also felt in placing new sets of bound periodicals.

The works of several of the standard authors are incomplete, partly on account of volumes having been worn out or lost. Among those especially needing renewal I would mention Bulwer and Hawthorne; and if the practice is to be preserved of keeping one set of the standard authors on the shelves while the other circulates, Scott should be added.

Since the printing of the catalogue 114 volumes have been worn out or mutilated, or thrown out of circulation for other reasons. The greater part of these are juveniles and popular works of fiction; but there are many of them which it would, in my opinion, be well to replace, as they are on the catalogue and in frequent demand; and in this class I would place especially such juveniles as are known to be of a good and healthful tendency. The young folks form a very large proportion of our readers, and between the constant circulation of the books and their loss by hard use, the shelves in the juvenile department are often almost bare. While I would not recommend a large addition of the dashing juveniles of the day, I think that a liberal increase of suitable books for the young is greatly needed, and would add much usefulness to the Library. There are some authors whose stories for the young have become a part of our standard literature, and should be kept in the Library and replaced when necessary, as long as they are in demand; and works of travel and of scientific and practical information carefully suited to the wants of young readers, would be of great value.

Large numbers of borrowers have availed themselves of the privilege of examining books on the shelves on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Of the general conduct of this class there is no complaint to be made; but it is perhaps unavoidable that under such an arrangement there should be, as

there has been, a very serious misplacement of books, many of them being scattered loosely about on the shelves and window-sills at the close of the afternoons mentioned. As to possible depredations, they cannot well be guarded against, though I apprehend none of any importance; but the presence of any number of people inside the railing certainly retards the issue of books in the regular way. I cannot but acknowledge the value to the reader of examining the books before they are taken from the Library, and I would by no means advocate the entire withdrawal of that privilege from those who deserve it and do not abuse it; but I very much doubt whether a general liberty of admission behind the railing, even at stated times, does, on the whole, promote what should be the aim of an Institution so truly democratic as this is meant to be,—“The greatest good of the greatest number.”

THEODORE M. OSBORNE, Librarian.

Library and Lyceum Committee in account with G. A. Osborne, Treasurer.

1873.		Dr.
Feb'y	24, To paid police services during lectures	\$30 00
March	14, “ Geo. McDonald, for lecture	125 00
	18, “ Wilson's express	3 60
	28, “ W. H. Piper & Co., for books	55 11
	28, “ Estes & Lauriat, “ “	58 86
April	“ Librarian, quarter's salary	250 00
	12, “ Postage bill	3 04
	12, “ Wilson's express	1 10
	12, “ Estes & Lauriat, for books	114 68
May	1, “ Assistant Librarian's bill	25 00
	1, “ do. do. do.	25 00
	5, “ Freight on books	5 86
	5, “ Estes & Lauriat, for books	16 13
	12, “ do. do. do.	62 62
	20, “ E. C. Kimball, for services	68 75
	22, “ London Punch, 3 years	16 04
June	3, “ J. Perley's bill, binding	54 55
	14, “ Salem Press, for binding	15 50
July	1, “ Assistant Librarian's bill	16 67
	8, “ Estes & Lauriat's bill, for books	143 40
	8, “ Schoenhof & Moeller, for books	37 00

July	8.	"	Librarian, quarter's salary	250 00
	8.	"	Postage bill	2 42
	11.	"	B. F. Stevens' bill	8 10
	11.	"	Wilson's express	2 50
	11.	"	Assistant Librarian	9 29
	11.	"	do. do.	25 00
Aug.	17.	"	For account books	11 75
Sept'r	10.	"	Salem Press, for binding	27 00
	10.	"	W. H. Piper & Co., for books	61 30
Oct'r	2.	"	Librarian, for services	25 00
	8.	"	W. H. Piper & Co., for books	33 72
	8.	"	Estes & Lauriat, do.	96 98
	8.	"	J. Perley's bill, binding	53 88
	30.	"	Schoenhof & Moeller, for books	18 50
	31.	"	Assistant Librarian's bill	50 00
Nov'r	7.	"	J. W. Ripley's bill, binding	3 75
	7.	"	Postage bill	2 50
	7.	"	Wilson's express	1 90
	10.	"	Estes & Lauriat, for books	189 33
	11.	"	W. H. Davis, bill stamp	8 50
	24.	"	Prof. Proctor, for lecture	100 00
Dec.	2.	"	Edward Jenkins, do.	100 00
	2.	"	Assistant Librarian	25 00
Dec.	3.	"	W. H. Piper & Co., for books	16 23
	9.	"	Judge Putnam, for lecture	60 00
	9.	"	Estate of Fitch Poole	250 00
	11.	"	Estes & Lauriat, for books	22 60
	12.	"	W. H. Piper & Co., do.	45 05
	12.	"	For Punch and Fraser's	15 97
	16.	"	Fred. Douglass, for lecture	100 00
	23.	"	Moses T. Brown, do.	50 00
	30.	"	Wendell Phillips, do.	75 00
1874.				
Jan'y	1.	"	Quarter's salary of Librarian	250 00
	5.	"	A. S. Barns & Co.	5 00
	2.	"	Postage bill	3 64
	13.	"	B. F. Stevens' bill	5 00
	15.	"	Estes & Lauriat, for books	50 67
	15.	"	W. H. Piper & Co., do.	32 44
	13.	"	Rev. E. C. Bolles, for lecture	65 00
	21.	"	American Naturalist bill	8 00
	21.	"	Estes & Lauriat's bill, books	5 21
	22.	"	A. J. Ebell, for four lectures	200 00
	27.	"	Prof. Niles, for lecture	75 00
			Balance	668 28

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1873.	
Feb'y 21, By Balance	701 43
April 14, By draft on Trustees	1,500 00
Oct'r 9, By received for Fines	16 35
9, By do do.	4 40
9, By draft on Trustees	1,500 00
1874.	
Jan'y 1, By received for Fines	12 10
1, By " " Catalogues	11 00
26, By draft on Trustees	500 00
Feb'y 6, By Fines and Catalogues	12 00
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	\$4,457 28

Feb. 9, By Balance 668 00

G. A. OSBORNE, *Treasurer.*

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FOREGOING ACCOUNT.

	Dr.
To paid for Books	\$1,124 84
" " Binding	154 68
" " Lectures	980 00
" " Librarian and Assistants	1,263 71
" " Stationery and Account Books	24 91
To Paid Express	14 96
" Postage	11 60
" Incidentals	8 50
Balance	668 08
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	\$4,257 28
	Cr.
By Balance	\$701 43
By drafts on Trustees	3,500 00
By received for Fines and Catalogues	55 85
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	\$4,257 28

By Balance \$668 08

G. A OSBORNE, *Treasurer.*

Report of the Sub-Committee on the Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library.

The Sub Committee having in charge the "Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library" submit the following report:

During the early spring the case for the exhibition of the folio edition of "Audubon's Birds of North America" was placed in the Library room, and having been used nearly a year, has been found to serve its intended purpose.

A card catalogue of all the books belonging to the Library prior to September, 1873, has been prepared and is accessible to any applicant.

In addition to the purchase of such volumes as were necessary to render the sets of books, previously bought, complete, there have been placed in the Library the past year "Audubon and Bachman's Viviparous Quadrupeds of North America," in 3 vols.; "Herculaneum et Pompei," by Roux, aine, 7 vols.; "Littre's French Dictionary," in 4 vols.; "Holmes's Surgery," 5 vols.; "Baird's Birds of North America," 2 vols.; "Tuckerman's North American Lichens;" "Coue's Key to North American Birds;" "Walford's County Families of Great Britain;" the "Latin Grammars of Madvig" and of "Allen and Greenough," and the Greek Grammars of "Crosby and Curtius."

In addition to the Periodicals which are subscribed for by this Committee, the "Historical Magazine," published by Henry Dawson, has been purchased.

The Committee are able to report that in several instances this Library has been consulted by several non-residents, who found here more complete sets of Reference Books than in any other library outside of Boston.

For the Committee,

J. WARREN UPTON, Chairman.

PEABODY, February 9, 1874.

SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Library and Lyceum Committee in account with G. A. Osborne, Treas.

1873.		Dr.
April	2, To paid Superintendent	\$87 50
	2, " Librarian	50 00
	9, " Gas bill	11 16
	21, " N. E. Historic Society	6 00
	21, " W. H. Piper & Co., for books	37 88
May	3, " Clark & Gidding's bill, book case and work on desk	179 07
	27, " Audubon Quadrupeds of N. America	250 00
	27, " Bill for chair and stamp	15 00
July	1, " Gas bill	7 56
	1, " Quarter's salary of Librarian	50 00
	11, " B. F. Stevens' bill	1 72
	14, " R. P. Haines' bill, cards	10 25
Aug.	20, " J. W. Upton's bill of services making card catalogue	60 00
	Sept'r 10, " Salem Press bill, binding	3 00
	10, " Superintendent	75 00
	27, " American Naturalist bill, binding	28 55
Oct'r	1, " Gas bill	3 96
	1, " Quarter's salary of Librarian	50 00
	6, " J. O. Warren, for coal	94 00
	6, " W. H. Piper & Co., for books	55 80
	6, " Estes & Lauriat, do.	38 00
	27, " H. B. Dawson's bill, Historical Magazine	30 00
	27, " Janitor's bill	51 20
Dec.	12, " W. H. Piper & Co., for books	63 00
	12, " Ginn Brothers, do.	12 90
1874.		
Jan'y	1, " Gas bill	16 20
	1, " Quarter's salary of Librarian	50 00
	13, " B. F. Stevens' bill	2 52
	21, " Bibliotheca Sacra	4 00
	Balance	108 09
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		\$1,402 36
		Cr.
Feb'y	21, By Balance	\$267 99
April	17, By sale of \$500 coin coupons, being the April inter- est on the Fund, at 117	585 00

Oct'r 9, By sale of \$500 coin coupons, being the October interest on the Fund	549 37
	<u>\$1,402 46</u>
By Balance	\$108 09
G. A. OSBORNE, <i>Treasurer.</i>	

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE FOREGOING ACCOUNT.

	Dr.
To paid for books	\$497 58
“ “ Superintendent	112 50
“ “ Librarian	200 00
“ “ Janitor	50 00
“ “ Coal	94 00
“ “ Gas	38 88
“ “ Printing	31 55
“ “ Card Catalogue	70 25
“ “ Book Case and work on Desk	179 07
“ “ Chair and Stamp	15 00
“ “ Incidentals	5 44
Balance	108 09
	<u>\$1,402 36</u>
	Cr.
By Balance	\$267 99
By Interest on Fund	1,134 37
	<u>\$1,402 36</u>
By Balance	\$108 08
G. A. OSBORNE, <i>Treasurer.</i>	

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